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Letter dated 8 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter from the President of the Republic of Turkey, dated 7 November 1994, addressed to you and a number of heads of State and Government regarding the issue of humanitarian assistance to Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 99, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
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Annex

Letter dated 7 November 1994 from the President of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to bring to your kind attention the plight of the 1.2 million displaced Azerbaijanis who constitute 14 per cent of the country's population and who are living under appalling and dire conditions in their homeland. I would not go into the details of the ongoing conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan which, in fact, represents the tragedy of the region. Today, while we are striving for the resolution of this conflict within the Minsk Group together with our partners, I am particularly worried that the approaching winter would further aggravate the situation of the Azerbaijani refugees.

Turkey, for its part, within its own means, has done everything to alleviate the sufferings of the Azerbaijani people. However, the solution of this exigent humanitarian issue is beyond the capabilities of a single country. For this reason, I believe that the international community should mobilize itself and coordinate its efforts in this direction.

I trust that we can rely on your personal attention with a view to ensuring the international community's contribution by providing assistance to this humanitarian appeal, which could be conducted through relevant international organizations.

Süleyman DEMIREL